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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting attended by AECAMBISTA 4, [] and [] was held at the Raleigh Hotel at 1700 hours, Wednesday, 7 November 1956.

2. [] explained to AECAMBISTA 4 the urgency of our need for obtaining bodies for immediate training under the Hot War Cadre program. In turn AECAMBISTA 4 stated that it is obvious from his preliminary discussions with Belorussians in the United States that it is necessary to have outlined in advance a definite plan to be presented to individuals approached with regard to their recruitment for a Hot War Cadre. In view of the fact that many of the emigre men in the United States have married and acquired families and/or have acquired satisfactory employment, they are no longer willing to drop everything and volunteer for "the cause". AECAMBISTA 4 said it is necessary to make definite commitments to these men; i.e.

- (a) How will they be occupied and for what length of time?
- (b) What financial benefits will they receive?
- (c) What promise do they have regarding reestablishment in their jobs upon their return?
- (d) How will their families be cared for during their absence?
- (e) If after 2 or 3 months it is decided there is no emergency and their training is no longer necessary, what happens to them. Etc.

3. AECAMBISTA 4 said he expects there will be much difficulty in obtaining "volunteers" in the United States because the emigres here have settled down, acquired family responsibilities and are rather content with their present state. The emigres in Europe are more revolutionary. Due to their living circumstances there, most of the young men have not married and have not been able to establish themselves in satisfactory employment. They, therefore, have acquired no ties and are more willing to undertake risks. He did state, however, that it might be possible to locate about 20 men in the United States, a number with United States Army

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experience, who might be willing to undergo cadre-type training for use in case of war. This will take some time and involve a number of trips. AECAMBISTA 4 was requested to supply a list of such possible candidates as soon as possible.

4. He also was told that we need immediately a P. A. type who is ready and willing to take the training and willing to go on a mission with the cadre.

5. Regarding potential in South America, AECAMBISTA 4 was requested to supply statistics before any plans to travel there are made. In making an off-hand approximation of availability there, AECAMBISTA 4 stated that of the Belorussians in Argentina, about 70% are of the old immigration. About 40% of the old immigration is pro-communist, 10% of which has registered for return to the homeland. Of the 10% about 1500 have already left. AECAMBISTA 4 stated that off-hand he would say there are 100-200 Belorussians of the new emigration.

6. AECAMBISTA 4 inquired whether it would be possible to expedite his nephew's application for immigration to the United States from Paris. He suggested that his nephew, Nikolai ABRAMCHIK, would be a willing candidate for the cadre and that he has no ties to complicate his recruitment. AECAMBISTA 4 was told that this matter would be looked into and he would be notified.

7. AECAMBISTA 4 stated that, insofar as the Hot War Cadre was concerned, [] would have to be dropped from consideration at present because of his age and because he is the "boy scout" type who would be available only in the event of real hostilities.

8. AECAMBISTA 4 decried the absence of psychological material in VOA broadcasts. He stated that nothing was being done to inspire the satellite people or to indoctrinate them psychologically. A letter received from Belorussia via the Belorussian Organization in Argentina confirms the fact that the people there were becoming disillusioned, beginning to believe the Soviet propaganda that they were being abandoned and forgotten by those who escaped and immigrated. AECAMBISTA 4 said the letter was inspired by news carried to the homeland by a repatriate from Argentina. The letter contained information about a number of AECAMBISTA 4's acquaintances. The letter stated that the people were anxious to fight for their freedom and requested help to be sent in from the West. AECAMBISTA 4 left the letter with [] to have it tested for S/W.

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9. AECAMBISTA 4 was very much concerned about his wife from whom he had no word in 3 weeks, after several letters and a cable to her. He stated he has been very much concerned regarding her welfare and wondered if it were possible to expedite her immigration to the United States. If this is not possible, he wanted to be advised whether it would be better to have her come on a visitor's visa or whether this would jeopardize her place on the list of applicants for immigration. He was told inquiries would be made and he would be advised. A cable [redacted] was sent to Paris on 5 November requesting [redacted] to visit AECAMBISTA 4's wife and cable soonest regarding her well-being.

10. The meeting was terminated at 1930 hours, and AECAMBISTA 4 agreed to remain in Washington to meet with the undersigned at the Raleigh Hotel the following morning to receive reimbursement for his travel expenses incurred during his trips to Washington in September and November. The accounting was settled with SR/DOB/Finance the following morning. When AECAMBISTA 4 was called on the telephone at 0930 hours, 9 November 1956, there was no answer. Another call at 0940 hours was unanswered. The undersigned then went to the Raleigh and learned that AECAMBISTA 4 had checked out at 0715 hours. He could not be reached by telephone in New York that evening or the following morning. However, on the evening of 9 November, Mr [redacted] contacted by telephone Mrs. Kushal, the lady of the house where AECAMBISTA 4 is visiting, and learned that AECAMBISTA 4 was back in New York. [redacted] will meet with him in New York on 15 November 1956 and will reimburse him for his 2 trips to Washington.

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